

# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 7 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

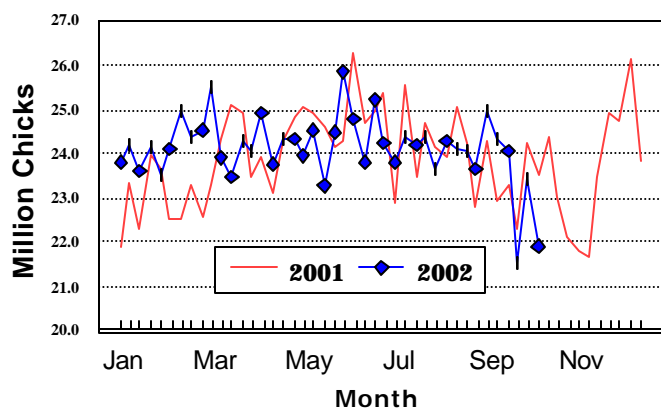
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 21.9 million during the week ending October 19, 2002. Placements were down 7 percent from the comparable week in 2001, and down 6 percent from the revised previous week, and included 1.9 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through October 19, 2002 were 1.0 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 23.3 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 3 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.8 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.6 percent.

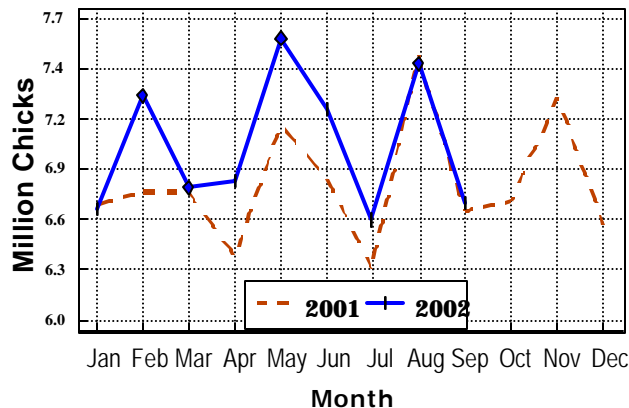
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 27.2 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 19, 2002, down 5 percent from the same period last year, and also from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 6.7 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2002, up 1 percent from September 2001.

**ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS  
BY WEEK, 2001 - 2002**



**U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED  
FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS**



**NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS**

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2001	2002	
	1,000		
Sep.	24,293	24,959	103
Sep.	22,941	24,374	106
Sep.	23,268	24,044	103
Oct.	22,290	21,555	97
Oct.	24,248	23,404	97
Oct.	23,536	21,930	93

**U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED**

Month	Year		% Change
	2001	2002	
	1,000		
Apr.	6,398	6,814	107
May	7,117	7,597	107
June	6,822	7,206	106
July	6,326	6,602	104
Aug.	7,494	7,449	99
Sep.	6,647	6,691	101

# **BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002**

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	28-Sep	05-Oct	12-Oct	19-Oct		14-Sep	21-Sep	28-Sep	05-Oct	12-Oct	19-Oct	
Alabama	27,062 *	27,660	27,320	26,294	99	21,866	21,530	21,738	20,473	21,008 *	21,211	97
ARKANSAS	28,177	27,703	28,585	27,187	95	24,959 *	24,374 *	24,044 *	21,555 *	23,404 *	21,930	93
Delaware	3,198	3,408	3,293	3,292	98	4,889	5,601	4,541	5,255	4,781 *	4,600	86
Florida	2,304 *	2,168	2,130	2,324	106	1,938	2,228	2,110	2,278	1,939	2,027	92
Georgia	28,679 *	29,882	29,916 *	28,020	97	26,231	25,494 *	26,275 *	23,625 *	24,663 *	23,021	92
Kentucky	6,462 *	6,318	5,808 *	5,148	91	5,518	5,260	5,039	5,052	4,556 *	5,360	116
Maryland	9,242	8,898	9,510	9,438	99	6,187	5,765	5,502	4,934	4,717 *	5,687	95
Mississippi	17,305 *	17,390	17,522	16,503	102	15,372	15,340	15,348	14,622	14,841	14,650	97
N. Carolina	17,460 *	16,611	17,243	16,933	101	14,308	14,240	14,070	13,357	12,503	13,753	93
Oklahoma	4,013	4,631	5,498	6,249	106	4,136	4,623	3,846	5,470	4,049	3,584	79
Pennsylvania	3,519 *	3,709 *	3,490 *	3,418	96	2,810	2,796	2,791 *	2,621 *	2,518 *	2,539	93
S. Carolina	4,678	4,885	4,480	4,641	100	4,111	4,096	3,498	3,670	3,636	3,575	98
Texas	15,067	14,410	13,910	13,046	102	10,572	11,173	11,883	11,822	10,330	11,894	102
Virginia	6,104	5,751	5,729	5,689	93	5,422	4,938	5,204	4,937	4,701	5,401	105
CALAM,OT,N,WV	18,556 *	18,762 *	18,452 *	17,660	94	18,585	17,910	18,866	16,990	16,239 *	16,138	93
Total 2002	191,826 *	192,186 *	192,886 *	185,842		166,904 *	165,368 *	164,755 *	156,661 *	153,885 *	155,370	
Total 2001	201,736	205,355	196,919	189,784		167,537	166,119	160,598	156,354	162,521	163,474	
% Prev. Year	95	94	98	98		100	100	103	100	95	95	
Approximate Marketing Date 2002.....						02-Nov	09-Nov	16-Nov	23-Nov	30-Nov	07-Dec	

\* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

## **EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 186 million eggs during the week ending October 19, 2002. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## **BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 5 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 155 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 19, 2002. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through October 19, 2002 were 7.07 billion.

**The 15 State total was discontinued on May 15, 2002.**